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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIS, PLOS, XP, PP
SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANIZATION
(SPRFO)

REF: A) USUN 03526 B) PORT MORESBY 1470 (NOTAL)
C) SUVA 1724

1. APPROPRIATE PARTS OF REFTEL (A) WERE INCORPORATED IN
LETTER AND GIVEN TO SENIOR STAFF AIDE ACCOMPANYING PRIME
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MINISTER SOMARE TO NIUE AT AIRPORT WITH REQUEST THAT
CONTENTS BE SHARED WITH BOTH PRIME MINISTER AND SIAGURU.
PRIME MINISTER ALREADY HAD AT LEAST SOME FAMILIARITY WITH
SUBJECT AS HE LISTENED TO MY DISCUSSION WITH SIAGURU ON
PROBLEMS LIKELY TO ARISE SHOULD NEGOTIATIONS BE REOPENED
(REFTEL B).

2. NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSIONER (MANSFIELD) BELIEVES GPNG FIRMLY COMMITTED TO SIGNING AGREEMENT AS DRAFTED AS RESULT OF RECENT TALK WITH PAT LAVENDER ON SUBJECT. IF SIAGURU, DABB AND LAVENDER ARE IN ACCORD, THEY MAY BE PERSUASIVE. MANSFIELD BELIEVES THAT IF FIJI FINDS IT IS ALONE IN WANTING TO CHANGE DRAFT AGREEMENT, IT WILL BACK OFF.

3. EMBOFF TELEPHONED HONIARA TO EXPLAIN US POSITION TO GSI (BUGOTU) WHO ASKED GPNG'S POSITION IS. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT OUR DEMARCHE, REINFORCED BY OUR PRESENTATION OF THE GPNG POSITION, WILL KEEP GSI IN LINE.

4. RE FINAL PARA REFTTEL C. SOMARE HAS BEEN ALERTED TO PROBLEM. WE BELIEVE NO RPT NO USEFUL PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED IN DISCUSSION WITH PNG HIGH COMMISSIONER IN SUVA WHO IS NEW TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND PROBABLY HAS NO BACKGROUND WHATEVER IN FISHERIES PROBLEM.

5. SPRFO IS OBVIOUSLY OF VASTLY GREATER IMPORTANCE TO SOME FORUM COUNTRIES THAN TO OTHERS, AND COST EFFECTIVENESS WILL VARY FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER. PERHAPS FIJI SHOULD CONSIDER STANDING ASIDE AND LETTING THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE DETERMINED SPRFO IMPORTANT TO THEIR INTERESTS PROCEED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION.
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